GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3496
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PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals submitted by the Government of West Bengal for Central financial assistance for development of tourist infrastructure in the State during the current financial year;

(b) the estimated cost of each project submitted by the State Government;

(c) the financial assistance sanctioned or proposed to be sanctioned for implementing those projects; and

(d) the number of tourists, both Indian and foreigner, visited the State during the last three years including current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): No proposals have been received from the Government of West Bengal during the current financial year. However, project proposals received from the State Governments/UTs that are complete in all respect are examined as per guidelines and approved on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

A total amount of Rs.2978.32 lakh for the projects related to tourism promotion has been sanctioned for West Bengal in the year 2006-07.

A list of projects sanctioned to the State of West Bengal during the last three years is enclosed at Annexure.

(d): Following are the Tourist Arrival Figures for West Bengal for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006:-

Arrival Figures	2004	2005	2006
Domestic Tourist	12380389	13566911	15808371
Foreign Tourist	775694	895639	998029

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3496 FOR 26.04.2007 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN WEST BENGAL

PROJECTS SANCTIONED TO THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL DURING THE YEARS 2004-05, 2005-06 AND 2006-07.

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of project	Amount Sanctioned 2004-05
1.	Development of Rangbhang as a Tourist Spot (near Mirik)	171.54
2.	Extension and beautification of Rohini Lake at Rohini Tourist Complex, Kurseong	218.50
3.	Development of Village Sonada, Darjeeling Distt.	50.00
4.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Mukutmonipur in Bankura Distt.	20.00

5. GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Ballabhpur in Birbhum District 20.00

Total 513.04

2005-06

1. Redevelopment/Restoration of Kalighat Temple Complex at Kolkata 500.00

2 Development of Tourism at Cooch-Behar City, Distt. Cooch Behar 475.00

3. Celebration of West Bengal Tourist Festival in Feb. 2006 4.35

4. Celebration of 18th Vishnupur Mela 2005 5.00

5. Celebration of Mahotsav-2005 at Kolkata 5.00

Total 989.35

2006-07

1. Integrated Development of Tea Tourism Circuit in North Bengal 715.85

2. Setting up of a Night Safari Park at Jorepokhari in Darjeeling-preparation of feasibility report 15.00

3. Development of Kalimpong 498.38

4. Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mukutmanipur, District Bankura 50.00

5. Integrated Development of Beach Tourism Circuit (Digha- Shankarpur-Chandpur-Mandarbani-Dadan Patrabar- Purushottam) 598.02

6. Development of Eastern Dooars Circuit (Jaladapara WLS- Rajabhatkhawa-Jayanti-Buxaduar) 683.58

7 Development of Rural Tourism at Village Antpur, District Hooghly 50.00

8. 19th Vishnupur Mela, 2006 5.00

9. Sharadotsav (Mahotsav), 2006 7.00

10. Creation/Setting up of tourism infrastructural facilities at Goke 355.49

Total 2978.32